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Ronald Reagan

U.S. eyes interests in Gulf

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (AP) — U.S. President Reagan and his senior defense and foreign policy officials appear to be focusing their attention on safeguarding U.S. interests in the Gulf area.

Defense Department sources said Friday the Gulf was a major topic of discussion at Reagan's cabinet meeting. The president, Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger and Secretary of State Alexander Haig all have been devoting considerable thought to this problem, the sources said.

Weinberger was described as "carefully looking at our strategy in the Gulf." Although no specifics were available, the sources said Weinberger was "concerned about our whole presence out there and what the new administration might want to do" to strengthen the protection of U.S. interests.

He was said to be looking at, what the sources called, "a grand strategy" aimed at discouraging foreign governments from taking U.S. personnel as hostages or from encouraging or supporting terrorists in hostage seizures.

During his confirmation hearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee earlier this month, Weinberger criticized as "dumb and ill-advised" the way former President Jimmy Carter pledged use of U.S. military power to thwart any Soviet threat to seize control of the oil-producing states.

He did not quarrel with the basic idea behind the "Carter Doctrine." Instead, he said, "my only concern is the ability to carry it out with the force and strength that would be required."

The Carter administration's final defense budget for the 1981-82 fiscal year placed considerable stress on enhancing U.S. ability to send significant ground and air forces to the Gulf in a crisis.

The Reagan administration's early focus on the Gulf suggested that its expected revision of the Carter budget might accelerate U.S. measures to strengthen the U.S. military presence in the region.

Yamani says oil surplus to continue

FRANKFURT, Jan. 24 (AP) — Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, Saudi Arabia's Oil Minister, predicted an oil surplus in 1982 and doubted there would be sharp increases in oil prices barring major political shocks.

In a television interview broadcast Friday, Yamani said "I don't see the situation grimly at this point. Unless political events interrupt oil supplies, price will follow low demand."

He applauded the efforts by member nations of the International Energy Agency to curb oil imports and avoid turning to the spot markets, where prices rise sharply.

"When nations behave well on the spot markets, there won't be talk of \$50 a barrel," Yamani said, adding "I don't see any possibility of a panic (on the spot markets) in the present circumstances, even if the (Iran-Iraq) war continues for some time."

Yamani said current Saudi Arabian production totaled 10 million barrels a day with an additional 300,000 barrels originating in the neutral zone, whose production is shared between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

Islamic summit begins today



HOLIEST PLACE: Islam's holiest place where the Muslim heads of state will meet Sunday for the opening session of the third Islamic summit conference. The leaders will return to Taif later in the day.

Leaders to meet in Mecca

By a Staff Writer

TAIF, Jan. 24 — The largest conference of Muslim heads of state opens in Mecca Sunday with 38 states and the Palestine Liberation Organization represented by their leaders.

The leaders, who arrived here on Friday and Saturday, were due to drive by motorcade to the holiest place in Islam for opening session. They will return to Taif later in the day for the meetings to discuss some of the most serious issues facing Muslims everywhere. They also will draw up a strategy of Islamic action for the salvation of the holy city of Jerusalem and occupied Islamic lands, including the West Bank and Afghanistan.

The third summit of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) coincides with the start of the 15th century of the Hijra, the Islamic calendar, and comes at a time of resurgence and a revival of the influence of Islam.

The speakers at the summit include United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, expected here later Saturday.

It will be the first time a U.N. secretary-general has attended or spoken at an OIC gathering since the Organization was founded in 1969 after Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem, Islam's third holiest shrine, was deliberately set on fire.

In an interview published in newspaper *Al-Jazirah* Saturday, Dr. Waldheim said the OIC was "a most important grouping" in the United Nations.

He told the paper he hoped to discuss a number of issues with Islamic leaders at the summit, especially Jerusalem, Palestine, southern Lebanon and Afghanistan.

The ministers and OIC secretariat officials, who drew up the agenda for the summit conference at a preparatory meeting earlier this week, expressed confidence Saturday that it will produce concrete results on a wide range of problems facing the Islamic world.

Prominent on the summit agenda are economic issues. It could lead to a marked increase in multilateral economic cooperation within the Islamic world, with its estimated 800 million people.

Palestine and Jerusalem have been made the theme of the conference, which is expected to produce a resolution setting out a program for the liberation of Jerusalem and the occupied territories. The summit will also approve the "Mecca declaration" calling on member states to mobilize to defend their independence.

Beyond the problem of the Iran-Iraq war, the conference will also be faced with a second problem, the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan. During the preparatory ministerial meeting this produced one of the longest debates and brought to the surface the underlying sympathies of OIC members, with some states fighting for the draft resolution to be watered down to exclude a con-

demnation of the Soviet Union.

But when the summit ends Wednesday, the organizers hope that it will have demonstrated that the OIC has achieved a unity that will give it one of the most influential voices in international affairs.

Meanwhile, the delegation, which had gone to Tehran to persuade Iran to attend the summit, returned here Saturday. Turkish Foreign Minister Altar Turkman told *Arab News* Saturday that although the five-man delegation had failed to convince the Iranian government to end its boycott of the OIC summit, "certain ideas have been explored."

Vatican halts leader

By Mohammad Shehawi

TAIF, Jan. 24 — The Vatican has prevented the former Archbishop of Jerusalem Hilarion Capucci from joining the Palestinian Christian delegation to the Islamic summit, according to Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Speaking to *Arab News* Saturday, Arafat said other religious leaders joined the delegation. They included Archbishops Yusuf Hazeem of Antioch and Jurji Khater and Elia Khouri.

Capucci, who had been in Israeli prisons for some 2 years, was preparing to join the delegation when the Vatican ban was made under Israeli pressure, Arafat said. "We resent this extremely," he added.

Arafat said holding the conference in Mecca was clearly symbolic of Islamic solidarity and making Palestine and Jerusalem its theme was an indication of the importance attached to the lands by the leaders of the Islamic world.

He was pleased too by the unanimous adoption of the Palestinian working paper by the foreign ministers conference which preceded the summit.

and will be continued".

The delegation leader, Habib Chatfi, secretary general of OIC, said of the talks: "Given a little time for reflection, I hope the result will be positive."

Turkman said the team which also included the foreign ministers Guinea and the head of the PLO's political department — spent 90 minutes with Iranian Prime Minister Rajai followed by lunch, and a further two hours with President Bani-Sadr. The meetings following the talks, Turkman said: "We are neither in hope nor despair" of reaching an Iraq-Iran settlement. But he declined to indicate the substance of the ideas discussed in Iran, Turkman said he thought "that the visit was to underline the importance we attach to Iran's presence at the conference. His personal impression was that the Iranians appreciated the fact that we made this trip."

(Continued on back page)

India stops newsmen's accreditation

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24 (Guardian) — The Indian government is trying to prevent a BBC television team from making a film of the aftermath of the blindings of 25 prisoners in the state of Bihar. A five-man team from the program "Newnight," led by the reporter, David Lomax, and producer, Mike Dunfield, found that their official accreditations were being withheld while they were asked for an undertaking not to go ahead with the film.

Senior officials said they were tired of "negative" reporting about India. The aftermath of the blindings is one of a number of stories the BBC team is planning to shoot. Without accreditation, it is impossible to ship any film openly out of the country.

The official Indian spokesman, D.M. Dixit, said Wednesday: "I told them that there had been enough coverage about the blindings and there are many other things to cover in India." Dixit denied having said they would not be allowed to make the film, although he "advised them" not to go ahead. They had, however, finally been given their accreditation.

"I have not stopped them," Dixit said. "There is no formal restraint on them." He would not say whether there would be informal restraints or if the team would be permitted to send such a film out of the country.

The chief minister of Bihar had agreed to be interviewed by David Lomax, but Dixit said it was not up to the state to decide how India's image was to be projected. This was a matter for the Central government. "We share the shame for the cruelty of the blindings," he said. "This is not censorship. Every government has the right to determine how the country will be projected abroad, and I refuse to be cross-questioned about this any further."

Lomax said that when, Wednesday afternoon, they were finally given their accreditation cards, they were told it was being done on the understanding they would not report on blindings. "We have got to continue the negotiations and get this thing lifted," he said.

The blindings took place over the period of about a year. Suspected criminals were held down by police and had their eyes punctured with bicycle spokes or thick needles. Acid was then poured in to ensure the permanent loss of vision.

Thirteen policemen were suspended by the Bihar government following the blindings, but after pressure from their colleagues and a threat to go on "mass casual leave" for a week, the state government revoked five of the suspensions.

Earthquake shatters China countryside

PEKING, Jan. 24 (Agencies) — A major earthquake struck a mountainous region of southwest China near Tibet Saturday, killing at least 100 persons, mostly Tibetan herdsmen, the local seismological bureau reported. The earthquake measured 6.9 on the Richter Scale and occurred at 5:13 a.m., Peking time, (2113 GMT Friday) in Daofu County of Sichuan province, the central government reported.

The official Xinhua news agency in Peking said eight persons are known to have died. The Daofu Seismological Bureau, reached by telephone, said at least 100 persons died and most of the dwellings in the city of Daofu were destroyed.

Daofu has a population of about 10,000 and Daofu County has about 40,000 persons. Most of them are Tibetan herdsmen. The city is about 240 kms northwest of the provincial capital of Chengdu and about 160 kms from the Tibetan border.

Telephone lines were reported damaged and telephone communication was virtually impossible. Roads also were seriously damaged. A medical team left by car Saturday morning from Chengdu and was expected to reach the area to which there is no air service. Government and party officials also began to coordinate relief work.

The region is earthquake-prone. In 1972, about 2,000 persons were killed in an earthquake that registered 7.3 on the Richter Scale. Officials in Chengdu said most of the housing in the area, constructed of mud, collapsed.

Tremors were felt in Chengdu, but damage was confined to Daofu County, reports indicated. Sichuan is China's most populated province with about 100 million persons.

Meanwhile, Antara news agency reported from Jakarta Saturday that about 70 persons were killed and 215 are missing after an earthquake that rocked the rugged interior of Irian Jaya province of Indonesia last Tuesday. It said the quake toll may increase because of difficulties in evacuating some 1,600 villagers trapped in two villages in the Jaya Wijaya mountains.

Khaled, Numeiri to dedicate station

TAIF, Jan. 24 — King Khaled and President Jafer Numeiri of Sudan will dedicate the main microwave station here in the next few days, *Arab News* has learned. The station links the two countries across the Red Sea.

Mitterrand receives French vote

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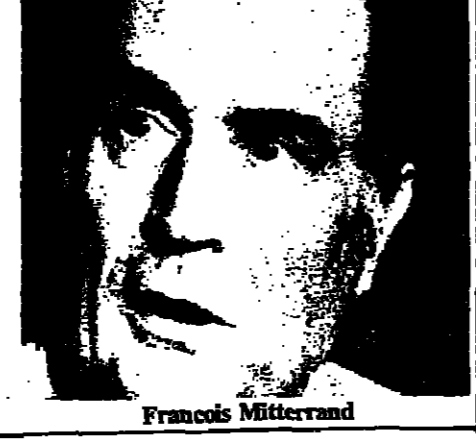
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Francois Mitterrand

'Sinbad' dhow drops anchor in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Jan. 24 (R) — A British writer, sailing a giant handmade Arab dhow, has arrived in Sri Lanka in the course of a journey from the Gulf of Oman to China to prove that the Arabs were among the first seafarers of the Orient.

Tim Severin, captain of the *Sahar*, a replica of the vessel sailed by the legendary hero Sinbad of "The Arabian Nights", put into Sri Lanka's south coast port, Galle, Thursday. He has covered half his planned 6,000-mile journey to Canton.

The 18-member crew includes Capt. Severin's nine-year-old daughter, eight Omani sailors and Britons and New Zealanders. The epic voyage is sponsored by the Sultan of Oman and the boat, built in Sur, was launched in late November.

"Everything is going on as we planned or rather the ancient Arabs recorded it," Capt. Severin told reporters.

The expedition aims to prove that the 10th-century Arab sailors were among the first seafarers to the Orient, Capt. Severin said. His boat's only navigational aids are the monsoon and the stars.

S. Korean elections set

SEOUL, Jan. 24 (Agencies) — South Korea's President Chun Doo-Hwan has lifted the martial law regulations, imposed 15 months ago after the assassination of President Park Chung-Hee. Chun, who came to power following Park's murder by his own security chief, said Saturday he had decided to abolish martial law from midnight to allow fair conduct of the forthcoming presidential election.

He also set Feb. 11 as the date for the district election for the electoral college and Feb. 25 as the day for the college to choose the next president. Chun was officially registered Saturday as presidential candidate of the ruling Democratic Justice Party (DJP) and is almost certain of re-election next month.

The new constitution provides for a single seven-year presidential term to prevent one man from holding power too long. President Chun said stability had now been restored in all sectors of society and South Koreans had overcome what he called a national crisis that followed Park's death.

Partial martial law was extended to the whole country on May 17 last year after widespread student demonstrations against the slow pace of the return to democracy.

The government spokesman for culture and information, Lee Kwang-Pyo, said the lifting of martial law was approved at Friday's meeting of the state council, which also resolved to commute to life imprisonment the death sentence passed on dissident leader Kim Dae-Jung.

He said President Chun suggested the commutation hours after a civilian supreme court upheld the sentence. It was imposed by a court-martial on charges which included fomenting a general uprising in the southern provincial capital of Kwangju soon after the imposition of full martial law.

Although martial law is being lifted, the midnight-to-4 a.m. curfew, which has been in force since the nation's liberation from Japanese rule in 1945, will remain. The interim legislative council also has enacted a number of laws designed to tighten measures concerning internal security.

Chun in a statement thanked the nation for its cooperation in maintaining security and said "what is really needed in maintaining stability is not physical force but the people's initiative."

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Officials express summit views

TAIF, Jan. 24 (SPA) — Muslim officials of various levels expressed optimism on the success of the third Islamic Summit conference due to open in Mecca Sunday. In different statements, the officials stressed that the summit will draw constructive resolutions and close ranks among Islamic countries.

Ruler of Qatar Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al-Thani, who arrived Saturday morning to lead his country's delegation to the summit, said the summit is an event cherished by all Muslim leaders during which views and opinions are exchanged on the best ways of achieving the supreme Islamic aspirations.

Yamani stresses summit needs to unite efforts

TAIF, Jan. 24 (SPA) — Great hopes are placed on the Mecca summit in order to undertake decisive policies to boost the Islamic body and treat the superficial problems to enable Muslim leaders to deal with badly needed constructive resolutions, according to the Information Minister.

Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said Saturday the difference among Muslims tend to be on the surface rather than the core. He referred to attempts by superpowers in playing with the legal rights of Muslims and Arabs. Superpowers planted the seeds of disagreement among brothers to an extent against the enemies of Islam, the minister said.

Dr. Yamani said that the Mecca summit differs from any other previous meeting. He stressed the need of the Islamic community in changing the ways of dealing with others to safeguard Islamic interest in the first place. The summit will consider two basic aspects, the political and social factors, to change its handling of surrounding development and mobilize all potentials to support Islamic rights.

ions are exchanged on the best ways of achieving the supreme Islamic aspirations. Sheikh Khalifa said this conference held in the Holy Haram, the cradle of Islam, is held with extreme necessity for the interest of the Islamic community and its crucial causes more than any time in the past.

The major aim of the historic conference is to abide by the orders of God, to unite and close the pages of differences and adopt ways that enable the Islamic community to confront the challenges it faces, Sheikh Khalifa added. He called for drawing a comprehensive strategy that would herald a new and bright era for winning Islamic causes and rights and liberating the occupied land and holy places.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Issa bin Salman Al-Khalifa the ruler of Bahrain, who arrived Saturday morning to attend the summit, described the summit conference as a historic development in the history of Islam. He praised the Kingdom's role, led by King Khaled, and Crown Prince Fahd, in preparing, and hosting the summit conference and the country's role in serving the causes of Islam.

Muslims in the world are looking forward to the results of the summit with hopes and wishes so that the Islamic community can overcome its difficulties and achieve a stage of joint effort, Sheikh Issa said. Recommendations and resolutions achieved so far indicate the advent of a bright future for the Islamic community, he added.

Tunisian premier Muhammad Mezzali said the simple fact that the Mecca summit, held with the participation of most Islamic countries, is in itself a positive factor that shades optimism to the future. Further cooperation and closeness is expected from the summit, he added.

Mezzali said that mediation efforts to remove conflicts among some Arab or Islamic countries will continue. The Mecca summit represents a step towards clearing the atmosphere, he said. He expressed hope that

the summit would help in ending the Iraqi-Iranian dispute.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal, the chairman of the Islamic foreign ministers' conference, reiterated that one of the major objectives of the Mecca Summit is to dissolve differences among Muslims which could not be resolved with other means. He described the summit as a turning point in the history of the Islamic community.

Prince Saud expressed the hope that the conference will be able to achieve the objective for which it was called. The most important topic in the conference's agenda is the Mecca Declaration aiming at stressing Islamic solidarity and what it means to Muslims and relations among Islamic countries and their relations to other countries, the foreign minister said.

He added that the Palestine document endorsed by the Islamic foreign ministers' conference also is one of the major issues for the summit. The economic proposals approved by the foreign ministers and submitted to the summit include the Islamic cooperation project, Prince Saud said.

Mecca Governor Prince Majed also reconfirmed that the great challenges confronting the Islamic community demand joint Islamic action that will achieve its aspirations and protect it from the posing dangers.



PLO ARRIVAL: Yasser Arafat (center), chairman of the PLO's executive committee, arrived in Taif for the Summit. He was met by Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani (right) and the PLO representative in the Kingdom Rafiq Natsha (left). The Islamic conference was named the Jerusalem and Palestine summit by the foreign ministers in their deliberations last week.

Local official to give talk at exhibition

By a Staff Writer

BAHRAIN, Jan. 24 — Dr. Ali Al-Mashat, director general of the ArabSat earth satellite project, will be a key speaker at Bahrain's second "Meconm" telecommunications conference and exhibition in February, a Bahrain Exhibition Center report said.

Dr. Al-Mashat, who runs the ArabSat project from his Riyadh headquarters, will fly to Bahrain to explain the current status and prospects of the project to delegates attending the three-day conference program at the Exhibition Center Bahrain.

The 10,000 circuit satellite will be launched in 1982, according to plans. Twenty-two Arab states will make use of it through a specially-built earth station in their capital cities.

The conference, running alongside the Meconm Exhibition, will be held in a new air-conditioned complex erected last year, and runs from Feb. 3 through the 5th.

Five international phone lines added

RIYADH, Jan. 24 — Saudi Telephone announced another advance for the benefit of citizens making long-distance international subscriber dialing calls. ISD service has been opened to five more countries.

Subscribers with ISD can now directly dial Upper Volta, Cameroon, Mauritania, Ivory Coast and Ethiopia, according to a phone company report. The addition of these countries to Saudi Telephone's ISD service brings to 90 the total of countries that can be called directly from the Kingdom.

A previous statistical report from Saudi Telephone indicated that citizens were making approximately one million international calls per month. Close to 70 per cent of these calls were ISD calls, showing that citizens are taking full advantage of Saudi Telephone's modern switching equipment and computers, the company said.

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BRIEFS

Minister to start tour
SEUL, Jan. 24 (SPA) — South Korean Minister of Energy Park Young begins a tour of Gulf states and Indonesia Sunday in an attempt to secure Korea's oil requirements. The tour will last three weeks. South Korea receives 90 per cent of its oil imports from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

Annual Prize planned
RIYADH, Jan. 24 (SPA) — The Executive Board of the Gulf Educational Bureau decided to grant an annual prize for books published on science, technology and literature. The conditions for participating issued by the board necessitate that the scientific and literary material be about the Gulf region. The author should also be a Gulf citizen.

SR30,000 allotted for awards
HASA, Jan. 24 (SPA) — Hasa Cultural and Art Society allotted SR30,000 as prizes for the first five winners of a plastic arts contest. Conditions for participating in the contest that starts March 6 include that paintings be new and not displayed before. Paintings representing the local culture and traditions will be given priority. The last day for receiving applications

will be Feb. 24, and male and female artists could participate in the contest.

Winter aid granted
ALKHOBAR, Jan. 24 (SPA) — The Gulf Girl Society of Alkhobar has begun issuing winter assistance that comprises clothe and cash aid. The total fund allocated for the season assistance amounts to SR38,000 for the benefit of 1,35 families. Mrs. Badria Al-Daleijan, the society's chairperson, said Saturday.

Society receives donations
SAFWA, Jan. 24 (SPA) — Safwa Welfare Society announced Saturday that it received additional donations and subscriptions that totaled to SR617,191. About SR99,450 came from regular subscribers, SR422,287 as cash donations and SR93,567 as income from the society's kindergarten.

Student travels decided
JEDDAH, Jan. 24 — About 600 students from Riyadh University will travel to various parts of the Kingdom during the spring vacation. The university is organizing the group travels to acquaint students with their country's historic and development features, according to Al-Jazirah.

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RIYADH, Jan. 24 (SPA) — United Nations Secretary General Dr. Kurt Waldheim has commended Saudi Arabia's role as a world body and has expressed appreciation of the Kingdom's cooperation in many activities of the organization.

Islamic states form an extremely significant bloc within the world body. He added that during his visit to Taif for the summit he would receive an invaluable opportunity to discuss a number of problems, mainly Jerusalem, Palestine, South Lebanon and Afghanistan, with Muslims leaders attending the conference.

Waldheim said the U.N. was following the Iraq-Iran war with deep concern, and hoped that efforts being made in this direction would be successful in finding a solution to this conflict.

U.S. firms to join in hospital exhibit

JEDDAH, Jan. 24 — The American Embassy announced that representatives of more than 20 U.S. manufacturers of hospital and medical equipment, many of whom are to select Saudi representation, will display the latest advances in health care technology at an exhibition titled "Health Care for the 80's".

Beckman Instruments, Bausch and Lomb, DuPont, General Electric Medical Systems, J.A. Preston Co., Orion Research, Pfizer Medical, Synemed, Becton Dickinson & Co. and Construction Specialties. These companies and others at the exhibition will feature diagnostic and clinical instruments, patient monitoring equipment, microbiological analysis instrumentation, electrocardiograph devices, clinical analyzers, computerized tomography, X-ray and nuclear medicine equipment.

Other participating companies such as Calmaquip Engineering Corporation, represented by National Chemical Industries in Jeddah, and Whittaker Corporation, represented in Riyadh and in Al Khobar are involved in hospital construction & management and development of public health programs.

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Our two-year-old national anthem has good words and appealing tune, but I think it needs stronger intonation and more enthusiastic rendering so it stirs up sentiments and attracts the listeners. However, it is not my intention to criticize the anthem, but what I would like to stress is the need for its popularization among all categories of citizens.

For summit Chef prepares royal meals

TAIF, Jan. 24 (AP) — Joe Antonius is bracing for his toughest, most intricate assignment ever — to prepare 5,000 meals a day for 38 Islamic kings and heads of state and their entourages during the three-day summit conference here.

spiced mutton meat with rice for others. There also are special desert dishes along with Parisian delicacies.

Leading a platoon of 35 hand-picked cooks from 10 different countries, the 46-year-old Lebanese chef says he spent the past three months supervising preparation drills, and preparing files on the widely varied food tastes of the royal and presidential guests.

And strict precautions were taken to ensure that the imported meat was the product of "proper Islamic slaughtering," he said.

"Indeed, it's my toughest and most intricate assignment ever," says Antonius, adjusting his impeccable white cap. "Now I'm perfectly familiar with the special tastes of each and every king and head of state."

Antoniuis' repertoire of menus includes more than 70 dishes, ranging from hot curry to

Embassies, royal and presidential palaces in 38 countries have been feeding Antonius with information about the preferred menus of the leaders.

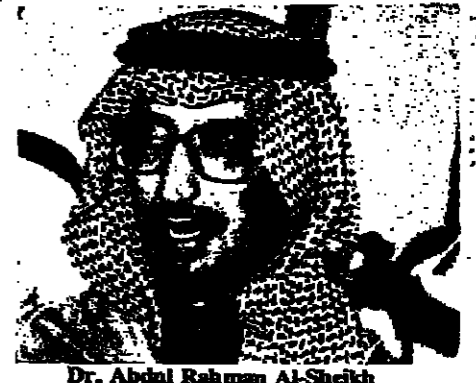
Antoniuis' department is but one of many, and when all was ready to accommodate the summit participants, "we staged game-of-variation-type drills to test efficiency and punctuality," Antonius says.

Table with 7 columns: Sunday, Mecca, Medina, Riyadh, Dammam, Buraidah, Tabuk. Rows include Fajr, Ishraq, Dhuhur, Assr, Maghrib, Isha.

SR63m water contract signed

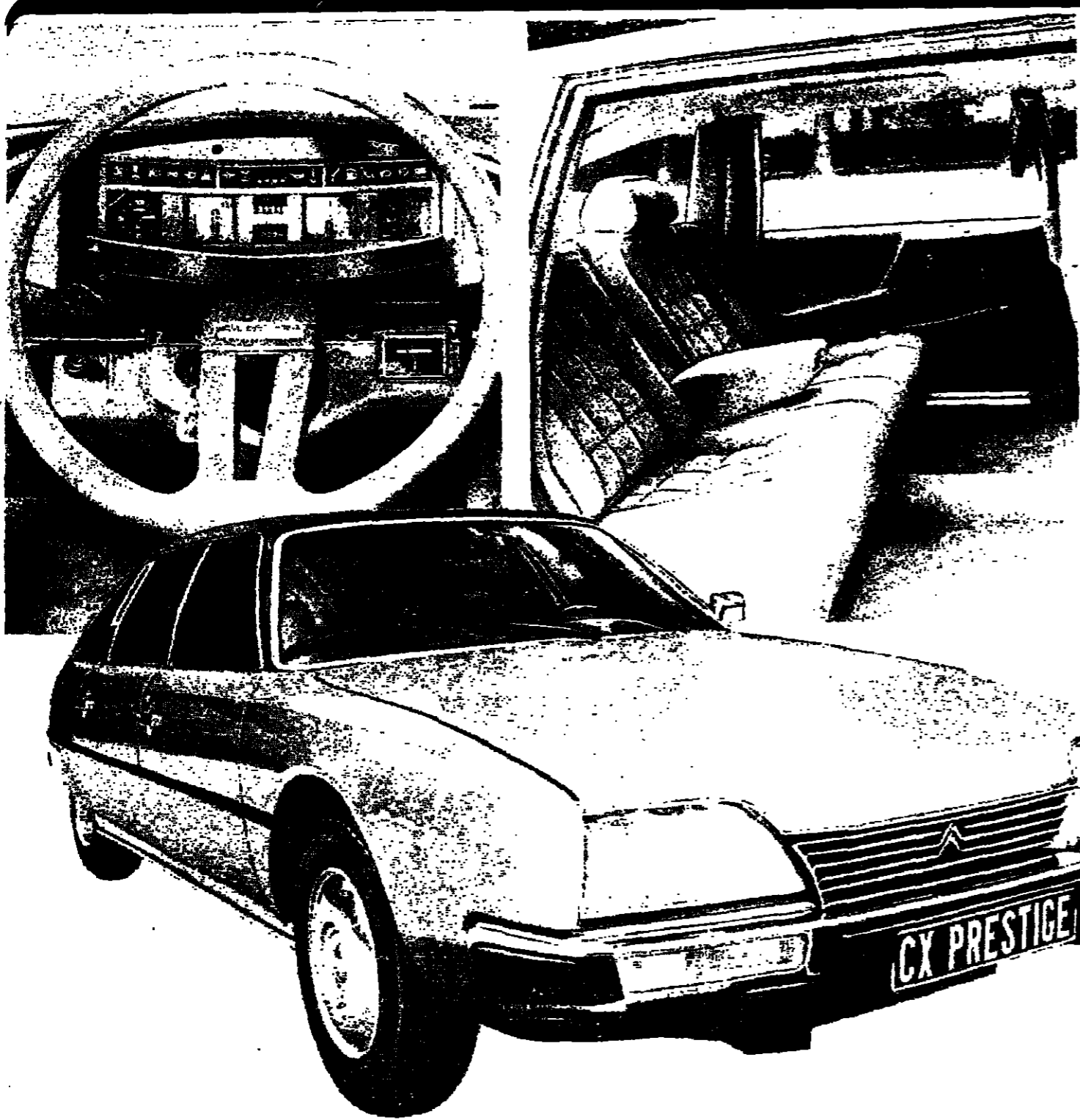
RIYADH, Jan. 24 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh awarded an SR63 million contract for a water project. The contract, won by two Saudi Arabian companies, involves the towns of Darma and Muzahimiyya and surrounding places.

months. It will be the second of its kind to be carried out by the Ministry of Agriculture and Water after the huge Washm water project that comprised pumping units, electric power generators and distribution networks.

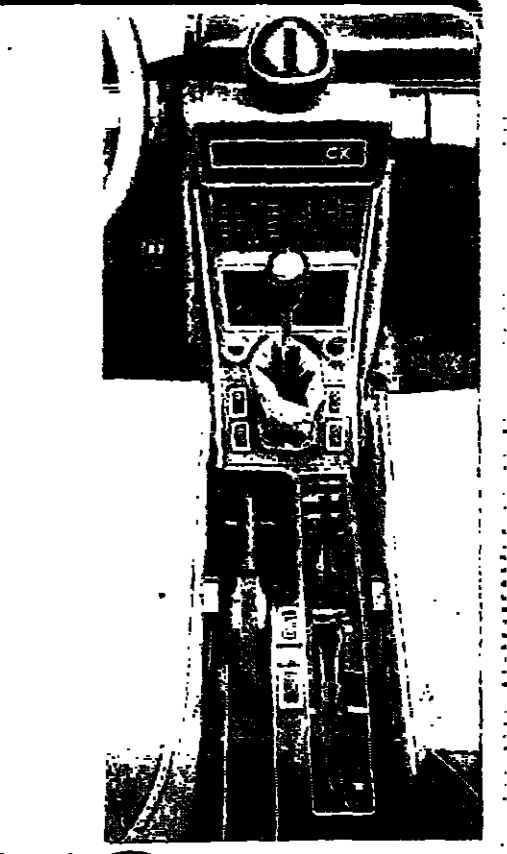


Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh completed during 1398 — providing 54,400 house connections. Also, the 80-meter Jeddah water tower, which has a capacity of 18,000 cubic meters of water, was inaugurated in 1399 (1979). Work is nearing completion on the fourth stage of the network which includes the collection and distribution of water produced at all levels of the desalination plants, and the construction of six ground tanks with a capacity of 20,000 cubic meters.

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Reagan adviser warns

Zionists vying for key positions

By Bob Lebling and Fawzi Asmar
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 — A Reagan campaign adviser has warned that Zionists are engaged in a major effort to gain control of key second and third-level foreign policy positions in the new administration. The adviser, who declined to be identified, told Arab News that the moderate Arab states should temper their optimism about the Reagan administration and instead focus their attention on the Zionists' attempts to move into important sub-cabinet level slots in the State Department and other agencies.

Afghan defector says Russian casualties high

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24 (AP) — An estimated 150 Soviet soldiers are killed or wounded daily in Afghanistan, a defector Afghan government official has told reporters. Some reports say as many as 5,000 Soviet troops have been killed in Afghanistan since Moscow intervened there 13 months ago, but Afghan government sources put the figure at 1,300 Russian deaths, said the man, who was identified as only a deputy secretary from the Afghan public health department.

Soviet casualties at first were flown out of Afghanistan back to their homeland, but the flights loaded with coffins have ceased in recent months. Reports circulating through Kabul say Russian soldiers killed by the anti-Marxist Afghan rebels now are buried at a secret location in the capital, the man said Friday.

The official arrived here three days ago. He was allowed to leave Afghanistan with his family after getting doctors in his department to certify that his wife needed medical treatment not available in Afghanistan. Soviet administrators also have taken over the Afghan government "at every level of administration," the man said.

Fighting throughout the countryside has forced thousands of Afghans to resettle in Kabul, and this has led to a construction boom in the capital, the official said. He estimated there are 200,000 houses now under construction in Kabul, many of them being built illegally without official approval. But Kabul "is not too safe," he added. "Not a single day passes without incidents of firings or explosions there," he said.

ments to these slots, there will be little chance for improvement in America's Middle East policy, the adviser warned. "Those Arabs who believe Reagan's friends in the business community will be able to influence him positively in terms of Middle East issues may be in for a disappointment," he said. The new president does not turn to these corporate executives for foreign policy advice, the adviser said.

Zionist advisers have told Reagan that these businessmen want better relations with the Arabs simply for the sake of boosting their corporate profits through expanded trade, he added.

Arab diplomats here have expressed optimism about the new administration, on the grounds that Reagan's election victory reflects a general shift in American opinion that over the long run will favor the Arabs rather than Israel. But informed sources pointed out that until Secretary of State Alexander Haig becomes settled in his job, National Security Adviser Richard Allen, a staunch pro-Israel supporter, will have the president's ear on Middle East matters.

Allen, a former Nixon administration official who fell out of favor, owes his return to prominence to American Zionists, the sources said.

When charges emerged last year that Allen was involved in influence-peddling on behalf of foreign governments during his service in the Nixon administration, Zionists rallied to his support and helped him retain favor with Reagan, according to these sources.

Reagan still lacks a sound knowledge of Middle East issues, and over the coming months will rely on advice from Allen until Haig begins to assert himself as the administration's foreign policy voice. Much will depend on the perspective Haig develops regarding the Arab world and Israel, sources noted.

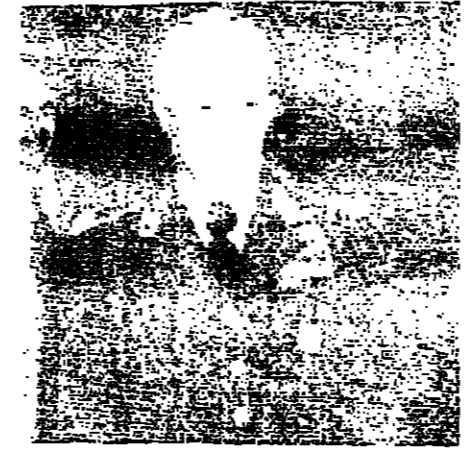
Meanwhile, Washington's leading Jewish newspaper, *The Jewish Week*, reported recently that "as far as Israel is concerned, many pro-Israel activists here in Washington are not all that concerned that President Ronald Reagan has not named one Jew to his cabinet." The paper said that "indeed, there is no shortage of Jews slated to serve at the crucial sub-cabinet level, especially at the State Department where so many policy-making decisions affecting Israel are made."

"From Israel's point of view, having people in these slots has historically proven to be more decisive than having a Jewish attorney general or transportation secretary in the cabinet who stayed out of Middle East diplomacy,"

Turkey's retired generals replace top executives

ANKARA, Jan. 24 (AP) — Turkey's military rulers began a major push this week to insert retired generals into leadership posts within the bureaucracy and state economic enterprises. The generals began with the top men in the state communications organs and culminated Friday when the board of directors of the semi-official Anatolia news agency accepted the resignation of Atilla Onuk, the general director. He reportedly was asked to resign earlier in the week along with the heads of the state radio and television and the department of press and information. He is said to have refused.

Onuk's replacement is Brig. Gen. Cevdet Tanyeli. The new man at Turkish radio and television is retired Gen. Mvict Akman who replaces Dogan Kasaroglu. The new director at the important department of press and information is retired Gen. Necati Ozkaner, replacing Cemil Unluturk. The shakeup within the bureaucracy has been forecast last



Gen. Kenan Evren

week in a speech by coup leader Gen. Kenan Evren who warned government workers to give up old political loyalties.

In other major switches, the generals announced Friday the retirement of the top men at the ministry of works, the ministry of culture, the department of religious trusts, the national petroleum distribution company and the state sugar company. All those men were replaced by retired generals. Similar changes in other ministries and enterprises still were expected.

Beirut fighting leaves seven dead

BEIRUT, Jan. 24 (AP) — Lebanese militiamen clashed in street battles with a pro-Libyan Palestinian commando group in Beirut Friday, and police reported seven persons were killed and many wounded in three hours of heavy fighting. Syrian troops of the Arab Deterrent Force moved in with tanks and armored cars to separate the combatants, set up buffer zones and enforce a ceasefire in Beirut's neighborhood of Chiyah, a spokesman for the Beirut police department said.

Only occasional sniper fire marred the lull

Genscher to visit Egypt, Pakistan

BONN, Jan. 24 (R) — West German Foreign Minister Hans-dietrich Genscher is to have talks with Egyptian government leaders in Cairo on the Middle East situation on Feb. 16-17, the foreign ministry has announced. Genscher will then fly to Islamabad for talks with Pakistan's Foreign Minister Agha Shahi.

Efforts to find a political solution to East-West tension over the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan together with the Iran-Iraq war will be central issues in his discussions.

Peres holds talks with Thatcher

LONDON, Jan. 24 (R) — Israeli opposition leader Shimon Peres has met British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington here to express his opposition to the European Middle East Peace initiative. "I think I was given a fair chance to express my views, and I hope they will be considered as seriously as they should be," Peres told a press conference Friday.

A Foreign Office spokesman said Carrington

that prevailed in the embattled neighborhoods after the Syrian intervention. But hundreds of families remained huddled in basements and bomb shelters, with streets deserted and shops, restaurants, cafes and cinema closed, the spokesman said.

He said three combatants and four pedestrians were killed in the battle between commandos of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command and militiamen of Amal, the dominant organization of Lebanon's Shiites.

sions in Pakistan, the ministry said Friday.

Meanwhile, the Dutch Foreign Minister Christoph Van Der Klaauw will visit about a dozen countries in the coming few months as a prelude to possible fresh European moves to revive Middle East peace talks. Dutch officials said in the Hague Friday. Van Der Klaauw's mission, settled at a European Economic Community (EEC) foreign ministers' meeting in Brussels Tuesday is to obtain proposals, they added.

Although he condemned the Venice declaration, Peres told reporters he had no objection in principle to a European initiative.

He said his hopes for peace lay in discussions between Israel and Jordan.

Syria seeks to step up sanctions against Israel

DAMASCUS, Jan. 24 (AP) — With Israel facing elections and runaway inflation, Syria's government believes now is the time to step up economic and political pressure on the Zionist state. In a recent interview with AP, Deputy Foreign Minister Nasir Qaddour suggested Syria would urge all Islamic and nonaligned nations to implement sanctions against Israel.

Qaddour said that since the Arab-Israeli conflict erupted in 1948, 465 resolutions have been passed in the United Nations calling on Israel to recognize the rights of the Palestinians.

"Israel has not carried out any of the U.N. resolutions and until now has not been subjected to sanctions or pressures," he said. "Therefore, the decision should be made so that those countries which are hesitant will stop their support for Israel."

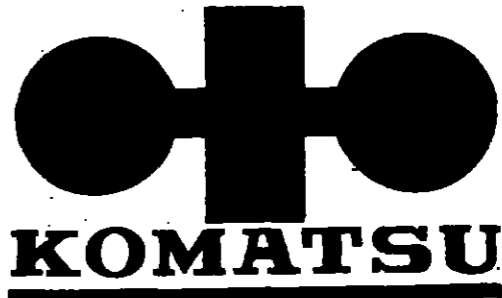
Last summer, Arab states used the threat

of a selective oil embargo to force 13 European and Latin American nations to close their embassies in Jerusalem after Israel's parliament passed a bill making Jerusalem a permanent part of its capital.

"When we talk about using the economy as a weapon, we are not just talking about the oil weapon but many other means of pressure," said Qaddour, apparently referring to trade embargoes and diplomatic campaigns such as the one mounted following the annexation bill.

Israel has signed an agreement with the United States guaranteeing its oil supply after yielding the Sinai oil fields to Egypt when a peace accord was signed in March 1979.

Qaddour said the proposed sanctions could also be directed at "Europe or any other country" supporting Israel, but added "we are not trying to punish anyone."



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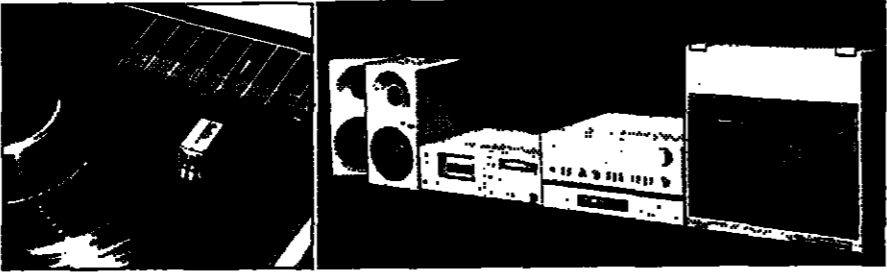
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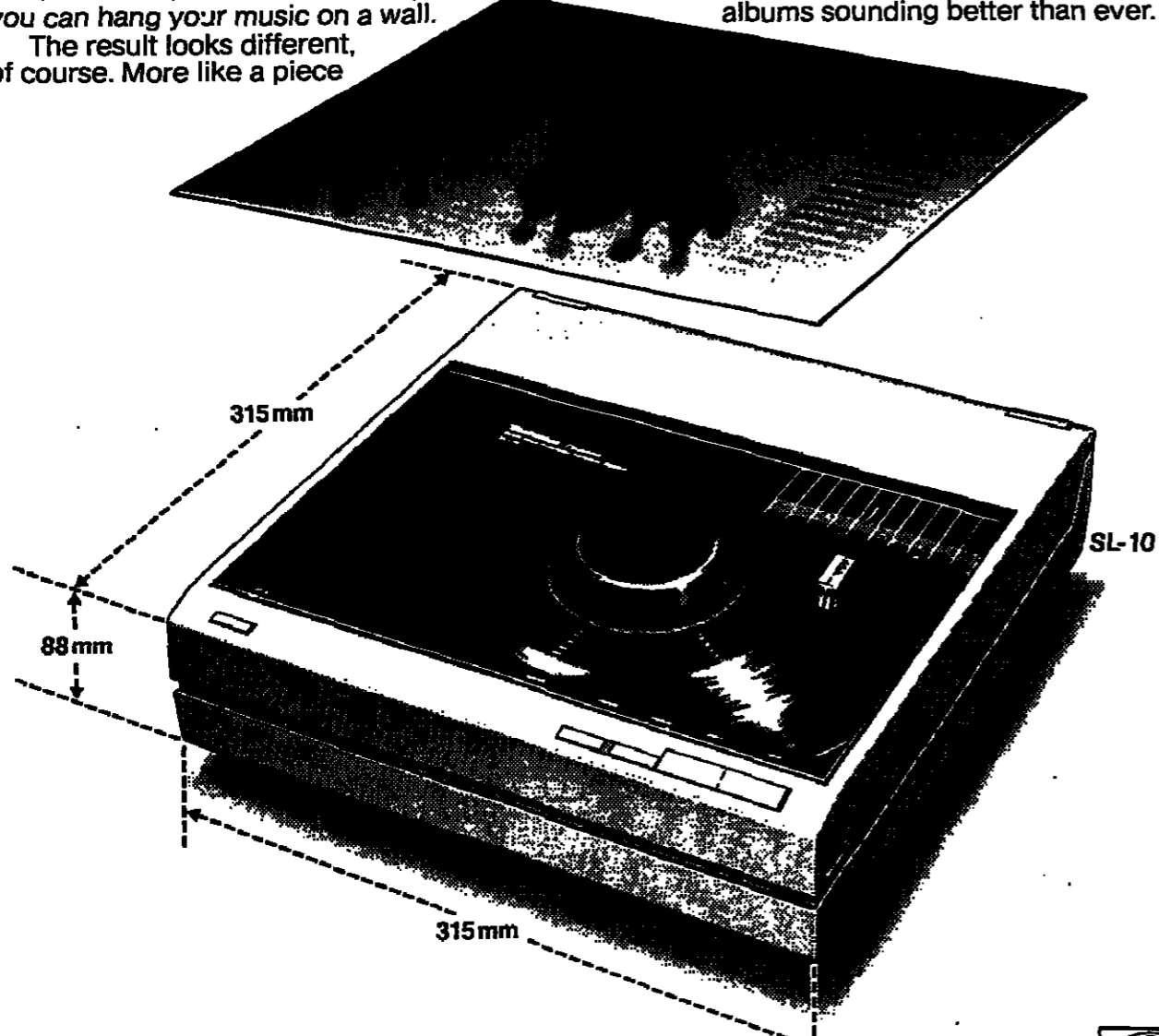
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Fairbanks considered America's coldest city

By Charles Hillinger

FAIRBANKS, (LAT) — As the Alaskan times plane came in for a landing, the pilot announced: "Well, here we are folks. It's 37 below zero in Fairbanks. Welcome to America's coldest city."

Fairbanks, the nation's northernmost city, lives up to its reputation as nature's icebox. The average temperature for 25 consecutive days from Dec. 6 through Dec. 30 was 34 degrees below zero in downtown Fairbanks. In nearby communities, the daily average for the same period was 50 below, with thermometer dropping to as low as 70 below.

It takes a particularly heavy individual to make it through a Fairbanks winter. Many newcomers — they are called Chee Chakos — are unable to cope, and chuck their high-paying jobs to flee to the lower 48 this time of year. Winter is never easy in Fairbanks, even for "sourdoughs" who have spent their lives here.

A couple of weeks ago, the cold finally caught up with Irene (Packsack Annie)

Sherman, possibly Fairbanks' most colorful character. Sherman, known as the "queen of the whole bunch", was born in a Fairbanks Log Cabin 70 years ago. She has been a trapper, gold miner and has run her own dog sled teams.

"Ain't this a helluva note?" she lamented during an interview at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, where she is recovering from severe frostbite. The oil heaters in her shack failed in the middle of the night.

"We Alaskans live fast and we live wild and sometimes it catches up with us. 'Hell's fire,'" she snorted. "I wear eight pairs of socks, four britches, several shirts, sweaters and scarves when I'm outside to keep the cold away. But I guess I didn't have enough covers on the bed."

Before the winter is out, at least a dozen Fairbanks residents will lose fingers or toes from frostbite, and several other Alaskans will freeze to death — stranded in cars or in the bush, far away from possible help. Bus drivers in recent days have been distributing leaflets asking passengers to urge the city fathers to do something about inadequate

heating on buses.

"It never gets warmer than 15 above in the driver's seat," complained Jim Simpson, a driver. Fairbanks also has a severe smog problem — but here it is ice smog. The sun, which is above the horizon about four hours a day, has hardly been seen since early December. It is obscured by the dense layer of ice smog, sometimes growing so severe that the airport must be shut down.

The unusual pollution is caused by thick clouds of exhaust pouring from vehicles in the extreme cold and smoke from wood and oil fires swirling skyward from homes and commercial buildings. Visibility has been as little as three to 10 feet.

Accidents on the icy, snow-covered streets are common but the traffic crawls so slowly that collisions are very rare. Abandoned vehicles cause another traffic problem. Service stations are booked up two to three weeks in advance to thaw out the frozen cars and trucks with giant master heaters.

Electrical outlets line curbs and shopping-center parking lots. Cords hang from the fronts of cars to be plugged into outlets con-

necting with under-the-hood heaters that percolate radiator water.

Some drivers park too long in lots without the outlets and the car engines freeze. Others leave their cars running while they do errands.

Few venture outside more than a few minutes at a time and even then they are bundled to the hilt. The unlucky few who are forced to face the elements — policemen on foot patrols, telephone linemen and mail carriers — duck inside buildings at least once every five minutes.

The two cemeteries in town have special "winter" mausoleums where bodies are held from October until late May, when the ground finally thaws.

Fires are common, the result of electrical shorts and constant use of heaters and furnaces.

"When we fight fires in 20- to 27-below temperatures, spray from hoses covers us and freezes instantly. We don't mind because the ice sheeting helps keep us warm," said Fire Department Lt. Bob Hirn, 55, a Fairbanks fireman since 1949.

"Then we have to be thawed free by firemen pouring water over our clothes. The water in our lines and water in lines throughout the city is kept at 50-degree temperatures so pipes and hoses don't freeze up."

Asked why anyone would want to live in a place with such extreme cold, Hirn, like other old-timers, speaks of a great love for Alaska's far north.

"The friendliest people on earth live in Fairbanks. We're brought closer together because of the cold. We help one another out when people have problems with the weather."

"If a person in Fairbanks is outside and gets cold, he goes to the nearest house and people automatically let that person inside to get warm."

It's the wilderness up here. The great hunting and fishing. Everytime you see the aurora borealis, it's like seeing it for the first time. "Spring comes with a crash so beautiful, the summers are so gorgeous, it's worth toughing out the horrible winters we get. Our cost of living is higher here than any other city in America, but we have the highest wages as well," he added.

For U.S. black children Future holds dim prospects

By Herbert H. Denton

WASHINGTON — (WP) — A black child in America today has nearly one chance in two of being born into poverty, and is twice as likely as a white baby to die during the first year of life.

If the black child survives that first year, the odds are against his growing up healthy, wealthy or wise. Black children are more likely to be sick and without a regular source of health care than white children. They are three times as likely to be labeled mentally retarded, twice as likely to drop out school before 12th grade and three times as likely to be unemployed. A black teen-ager has a one in 10 chance of getting into trouble with the law and is five times as likely as a white teen-ager to be murdered.

This bleak portrait, based largely on government surveys drawn together in one report, was presented recently by the Children's Defense Fund, a Washington-based lobbying and advocacy group for children.

The statistics "show why millions of black children lack self-confidence, feel discouragement, despair, numbness or rage as they try to grow up on islands of poverty, ill health, inadequate education, squalid streets with dilapidated housing, crime and rampant unemployment in a nation of boastful affluence," said the fund's president, Marian Wright Edelman.

There is passing acknowledgement in the report that the last two decades have been years of progress for some black. Because of affirmative action programs, government scholarships and court-mandated desegregation, about one-third of all black children who graduate from high school go on to college, about the same proportion as among white youths. But, Edelman contended, if the black middle class has grown, the black poor have increased at even a faster rate.

In a televised address 17 years ago, President John F. Kennedy drew attention in similar fashion to the inequality of opportunity for black children. He said in that speech on June 11, 1963:

"The negro baby born in America

today... has about one-half as much chance of completing high school as a white baby born in the same place on the same day, one-third as much chance of completing college, one-third as much chance of becoming a professional man, twice as much chance of becoming unemployed, about one-seventh as much chance of earning \$10,000 a year, a life expectancy which is seven years shorter, and the prospects of earning only half as much."

The change between now and then is not as great as one might expect. Dropout rates for black youths are twice as high as for white teen-agers. The black child now has half as much chance of finishing college and becoming a professional person as the white child, still twice as much chance of being unemployed as an adult, and a life expectancy that is now five years shorter.

After a spurt of progress in the late 1960s, gains made in lifting black children out of poverty leveled off. The decade of the '70s produced far more progress for the elderly than it did for black children, according to the statistics the fund cited.

Clearly, the economic ravages of the last decade have had a particularly devastating impact on the black poor. Income for black households, adjusted for inflation, declined. In the '60s, the unemployment rate for black youth was twice as high as for white teen-agers. Today, it is three times as high.

And the family structure of blacks appears to have been under even greater assault. Four of five white children live in two-parent families—fewer than half of all black children do. Only one white child in 38 lives away from both parents — one in eight black children does. Proportionally there are far more black children born to teen-age mothers, far more black children in institutions.

Social programs of the '60s, such as head start, aimed largely at black youth, appear to have brought some gains in education and nutrition, according to the fund, but thousands of children eligible for them are still not served, and black children appear to suffer in school as they grow older.

Sweeping change turns old cowtown into Canada's fast-growing oil center

By Stanley Melsler

CANADA, (LAT) — Change, progress, constant growth are the kinds of words usually used to describe the city of Calgary, the center of the Canadian oil industry.

Calgary is the fastest-growing city in Canada. Since 1978 more than \$1 billion has been spent every year on new construction downtown office space tripled in the last 10 years and should double again in the next 10. Visitors find a transformed skyline most every time they show up. Canadian realist Mordecai Richler says the city ways look as if it were uncrated new in the 10 half-hour.

Yet, despite all the superlatives, something is missing. "When we first came 15 years ago," said a resident, "Calgary was cowtown. Now, it's too big to be cowtown, but it's too small to know what — to be a real city."

The missing ingredient is perhaps indefinable. But there is no doubt that the transformation, created by the oil boom of the province of Alberta in the 1970s, has left many Alaskans with a sense of dissatisfaction. They see a city rushing onward with more spirit than spirit.

Calgarians also see one of the largest and richest cities of Canada sometimes acting as if they were still and poor. Unlike an eastern metropolis like Toronto, Calgary does not clear its streets of snow after a storm. Instead, city officials, just like their predecessors in the days when Calgary had few people and few cars, save the costs of clearance by waiting for chinook — the sudden, warm winter wind of the rocky mountains — to sweep across the city and melt the snow. But chinooks do not always follow snowstorms quickly, and the city

downtown streets can clog for days with slow-moving, sliding cars.

Premier Peter Lougheed of Alberta likes to boast that oil revenues enable his province to provide services that are unparalleled. Yet new residents from eastern Canadian cities are amazed to find that garbage is only collected once a week in Calgary. Compared with Toronto public libraries have limited stocks. Special schooling for children with learning problems is not provided free of charge. Hospital space is short.

In 1980 Calgary, now Canada's ninth largest city, reached a population of 560,000 double what it had been 20 years before. But many Canadians still work in Calgary only for a few years and then decide to leave.

It is a great place for people interested, as many Canadians are, in outdoor life. The rocky mountains, with their ski resorts and lovely lakes, are only 75 miles to the west. Many former Toronto residents, even if they pine for good music and food, still praise the Calgary area for its natural fun and beauty.

The city has a casual air to it, even though its people are relatively well off. Calgarians have an average annual income of \$10,420 each, the highest in Canada.

Calgary was created in 1875 as an outpost of the Royal Canadian mounted police in the sparsely settled territory of Alberta. Its population 100 years ago was only 75. The Canadian Pacific railway reached the outpost in 1883 and set down a station there, starting Calgary on the way to becoming a real town. When the federal government gave Alberta the status of a province in 1905, the population of Calgary was under 12,000.

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in the short warm season of Alberta and a small discovery of oil brought a boom to Calgary in 1911, and the population quadrupled.

When new and greater fields of oil were discovered after World War II, they were closer to Edmonton, the capital of Alberta, than to Calgary, but, since the old oil companies had already established their headquarters in Calgary, the industry stayed there. The great price rising of the 1970s ensured the wealth of Alberta and the dizzying growth of Calgary. It became the world third most important center for oil finance, surpassed only by London and Houston, and the population of the city doubled from 1951 to 1961 and then doubled from 1961 to 1980. About 2,000 migrants now come to the city every month.

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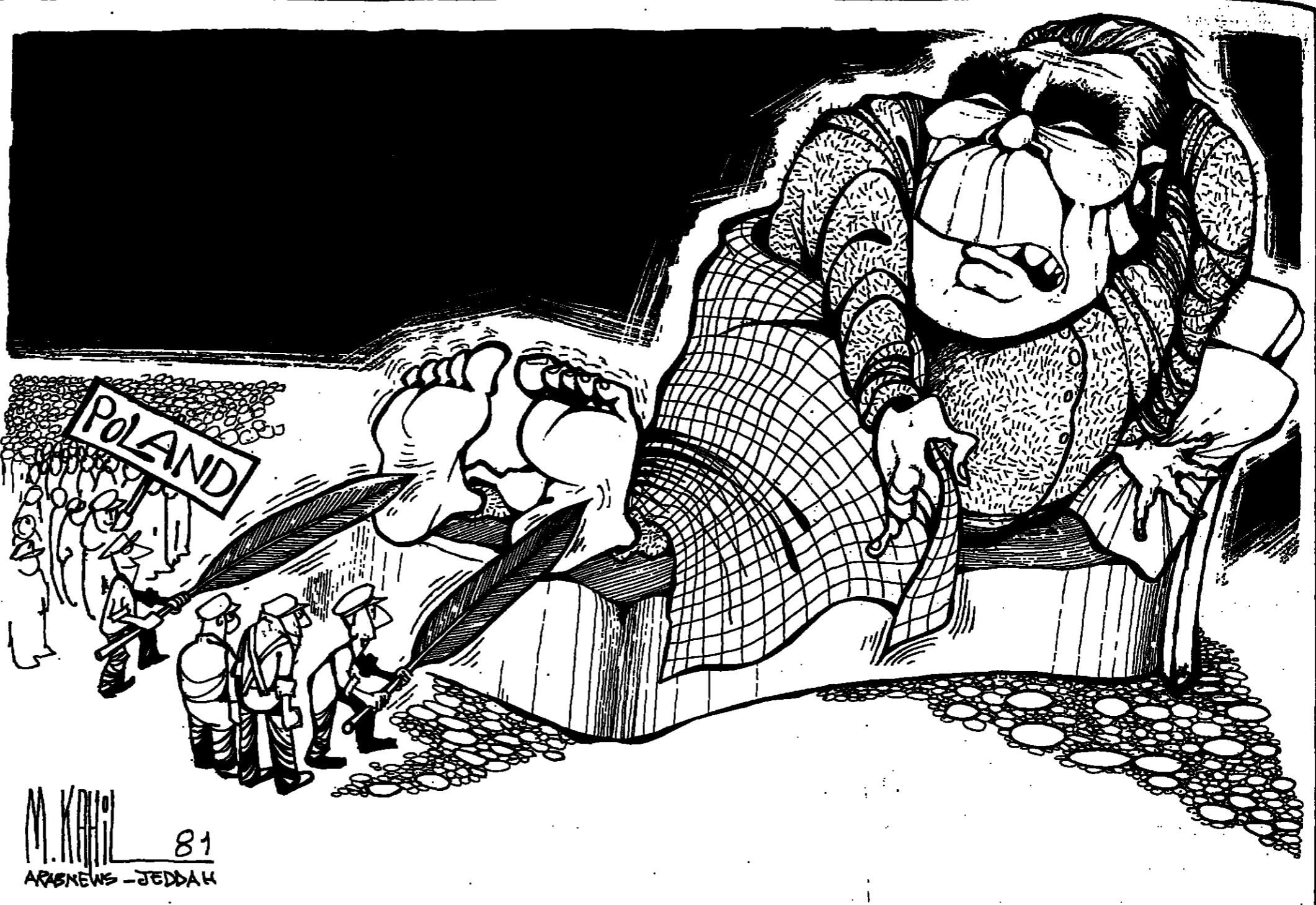
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Do Russians understand real nature of Polish crisis?

By Neal Ascherson

The Russians have begun to answer back to the world about Poland, denying military intervention was ever intended. This tone is sometimes injured and counter-accusing, sometimes scornful and almost jocular. Western sources report that tanks and troops remain on the starting positions around Poland's frontiers, ready to move. But the intensity of the Soviet propaganda barrage, a defensive one, suggests no intervention is imminent.

Boris Ponomarev, a secretary of the Central Committee, told the French recently that the Soviet Union would not dream of invading Poland. Valentin Falin, once Soviet ambassador in Bonn, gave a startling interview to the West German magazine *Der Spiegel*, in which he said the Polish Communists were able and willing to deal with their own problems. He suggested that independent, non-Communist trade unions were not unthinkable in a Socialist society, and even — no doubt indicating a pinch of salt — that a non-Socialist country could be a member of the Warsaw pact. "Naturally, why not? We aren't a closed club like NATO."

The Poles, less familiar with Falin's taste in irony than the Germans, became over-excited about this interview. They suggested that, through Falin, the Russians might be confessing the Polish problem was beyond them, that the Poles must be allowed to choose their own internal policies and — as so many of them hope — become "Finlandized."

But there was much more weight behind a recent article in *Pravda*, signed by "A. Petrov", and it was much less encouraging. It was mainly a rebuke to the West for interfering in Poland's internal affairs and supporting "anti-Socialist" groups. But it also accused NATO of trying to distort the meaning of the sovereignty of the Polish state by denying it the "possibility of defending itself against internal and external enemies." In other words, the Polish leadership has the right to invite Soviet assistance if it wishes.

This *ultima ratio* was well hidden last month at Gdansk. Under the monument to the dead of the 1970 riots, the three parts of the new Polish establishment — party, church and Solidarity — embraced. When the editor Mietek Rakowski mentioned that night in a television commentary that there was also looting in 1970, telephones began to ring. "Shameless!" "Tactless!"

Everyone wants the victims to be stainless-steel heroes, who "gave their lives for the unity of the nation." Nobody repeats this version more fervently than the party.

The unveiling of the monument was made into a ceremony of forgiveness and cooperation, a celebration of the common patriotism of Poles of all beliefs, a commitment to "renewal" guided by the party and supported by Solidarity's workers and the church's faithful.

Perhaps the workers who died would be astonished to hear the motives assigned to them. But the church and Solidarity, sobered by the menace of intervention and the exhaustion of a nation which spends much of its day queuing in sleet and slush, are building a precarious unity with the party.

It has gone so far that, in the last few days, both Lech Walesa and the episcopate could recommend the party's program for "renewal" to their followers as a summons which every patriot should accept. But how much further can this cooperation go? On all three sides, the limits are beginning to appear. The church has apparently gone too far already. The radical Catholics, bishops and laymen alike, are furious with the episcopate's spokesman for telling foreign journalists that opposition attacks on the Soviet Union were "irresponsible."

Solidarity's millions of members have cooled down but remain, in some areas, too hot to handle. One of these areas is censorship and another is political arrest. The workers support — with some skepticism — the party and state in the "renewal,"

but attempts to suppress their new publications or seize prominent opposition intellectuals like Adam Michnik or Jacek Kuron would at the moment mean a new and disastrous strike wave.

This is also the party's limit. The assurances the Polish leaders had to give at the Warsaw Pact summit in Moscow last month are beginning to be visible. Probably there was no time limit set to bring Poland to order. But a re-establishment of tighter control on the press and eradication of "anti-Socialists" from Solidarity seem to have been demanded.

Restrictions on the media are noticeable but not yet painful. It may be a different story when the fearless unofficial journals of the new unions — *Independence* in Warsaw, *Unity* in Szczecin, *Solidarity* in Gdansk, and so on — go on the public news stands as the authorities promised. The authorities are now reaching out nervously after old oppositionist intellectuals firmly embedded in Solidarity, like Kuron and Michnik. To arrest members of a far-right group like the Confederation of Independent Poland was safe enough, and new arrests there are reported. But Solidarity, and Walesa per-

sonally, will fight for those two and their associates. One must understand the party's miserable choice. Not to deal with Kuron will suggest to Moscow that the Polish leaders have lost power. To arrest or charge him, on the other hand, will risk another general strike.

"Why can't Kuron do his patriotic duty by emigrating now, and attacking us even more violently from the West?" a Central Committee member sighed. But, with luck, this can all be postponed. The Russians, after apparently preparing to move a few divisions into Poland last month as a "nominal military relocation," changed their minds and seem in no hurry to act. Some Polish ministries are being bothered with unwanted Soviet visitors with advice on this and that, followed by inquisitive phone calls. That, too, can be endured.

The real question is whether the Soviet leadership will force the Polish Communists into taking the sort of action which, in this climate, will destroy the fragile, limited trust beginning to revive between the party and the nation. In other words, do the Russians understand the real nature of the Polish crisis? Last month there were faint signs that they do.

Letter to the editor

Dear Sir,

The third Islamic summit conference at Taif is a momentous occasion which underlines the imperative need for unity in the Muslim world. At a time when sanity has taken a back seat, when our Muslim brethren are struggling for a homeland in Palestine and the brave Afghan warriors are fighting with their backs to the wall, the presence of a powerful Muslim bloc of paramount importance. Only then can our voice be heard.

Toward this end it is necessary that Iran and Iraq should bury their hatchet and work for cementing Islamic unity. Nevertheless, the ball has been set in

motion. Inshallah, the cherished goal will soon be realized.

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THE SUMMIT

The leaders of the Islamic world who gather in Mecca today and later on in Taif are bound to attract the attention of the world and the hopes that their people have pinned on them. Their task is as awesome as the problems that face them and that need to be solved.

But the fact that they have met is a symbol of the unifying capability of Islam and the feeling of belonging to one nation that permeates all Muslims as well as the sentiments shared for issues as diverse as Jerusalem, the Ogaden and Afghanistan.

Unlike previous summits, this one promises to come out with more tangible results as far as the principal issues that face the leaders are concerned. The Mecca Declaration is hailed as the most important instrument before the conference. It will have to decide what should be done in practical terms, about the occupation and annexation of the holy city of Jerusalem, and what to do about it, about Israel and those who support the aggressions of the Jewish state. The leaders' strategy for the salvation of the city and the other occupied Arab territories, will be awaited with special interest.

Afghanistan continues to bleed and past resolutions of the Islamic foreign ministers have not gone far enough to make the Soviet Union pay dearly for its invasion and occupation. The summit will have to go further in supporting the Afghan people, by direct military and financial support of the fighters and to persuade the over one million refugees in Pakistan to go back home and fight, after giving them the necessary means to do so. Somalia has a similar catastrophe, with a million refugees fleeing Ethiopia during the war in the Ogaden further worsening the plight of the whole Somali people.

Of immediate concern to the Muslims is the raging Iraqi-Iranian war, and it is encouraging to learn that the Iranian government is considering sending a delegation to the summit after boycotting the foreign ministers conference. This, if true will present a chance for the other leaders to bring the two antagonists together for the first time since the war broke out. If the summit can bring about a ceasefire, it will have made a tremendous, concrete achievement to the whole Muslim nation. Besides, it will have shown the rest of the world the power of Islamic unity and the capacity to settle inter-Islamic disputes peacefully. The Organization of the Islamic Conference tried last year to persuade the two countries to stop fighting and start talking but found little response at the beginning of the war. Perhaps, now that the war has gone on for five months without either side scoring a decisive victory, the two governments may be more amenable to a concerted Islamic effort to halt the carnage.

This is as good a chance as any to draw up a strategy for settling inter-Islamic disputes through the organization which should be so strengthened as to be competent enough to stop a war and arbitrate instead.

The organization's own Islamic Solidarity Fund is too small to answer the requests for emergency aid. The richer Islamic states are already giving considerable aid on a bilateral basis but enriching the fund will enable the member states to seek and receive aid fairly easily and quickly.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers Saturday led with the arrival of Muslim leaders to attend the third Islamic summit conference in Taif. King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd were reported on hand to welcome Muslim kings and presidents coming one after the other for the crucial summit. In a lead story, *Al-Jazirah* said the king began his large-scale contacts with a meeting with King Hassan II of Morocco. In a broad headline, *Al-Riyadh* said the eyes of the world will be focussed on Mecca Sunday in their keen desire to pursue the events of the summit.

Newspapers frontpaged King Khaled's advice to Muslims to offer their gratitude to God for His blessings and to follow divine injunctions faithfully. They also gave page one-coverage to the award of King Faisal International Prize for service to Islam to King Khaled, about which Minister of Information Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said that, by honoring the King, Muslims have expressed their sentiments toward the Kingdom. In a frontpage story, *Al-Jazirah* gave prominence to U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's statement, in which he was reported as saying "the Kingdom assumes fundamental significance in world peace and stability."

Newspapers devoted their editorials to the Islamic summit beginning in Mecca Sunday, expressing their great optimism over its success in achieving the hopes and aspirations of the Muslims of the world. *Al-Madina* noted in an editorial that the attention of the Islamic world is presently directed toward Mecca, as Muslim are hopeful that the summit would successfully help Muslims of the world to get rid of backwardness so they can contribute in the service of humanity and try to find an equitable balance in international relations in different fields. In a warm welcome to Muslim leaders, the paper said this country and its people will implore Almighty God to bless the Islamic summit and to restore Islam its past glory under the umbrella of Islamic fraternity.

Okaz also commented on the same lines when it said that Muslim hopes are pinned on the summit to find urgent solutions to the issues of the Islamic

world. The prevailing circumstances necessitate a joint action that would be based on the principle of safeguarding the nation's right and its position so it can play a distinguished role in the history of civilization and culture. The paper added that the resolutions of the summit would tend to provide strength to Islamic states to help them build a society blessed with peace, prosperity and stability. It made a strong appeal to keep the Islamic world away from the tussle of superpowers and to help it play it a fruitful role based on the sublime principles of Islam.

Discussing the summit, *Al-Riyadh* observed that the Islamic summit now stands at the threshold of a new century which has no place for the weak and those having shaky stances. It said the meeting of Muslim leaders has become an imperative necessity at the present stage. The paper asserted that Islam has never been against any intellectual activity, as it is the very core of its call.

Islam has always recognized divine faiths and treated its non-Muslim subjects with a rare humane treatment, the paper said, and urged the leaders never to accept mediatory or capitulatory solutions. The present stage in the history of the Islamic world is decisive and would not accept any slackening in efforts. In this light, the summit meeting assumes great significance and entails upon the conferees a heavy responsibility to carry out in a world that has already lost its correct path, the paper said.

On the same subject, *Al-Jazirah* observed that the early arrival of Muslim leaders provides a strong ground for the success of the conference in its crucial deliberations. In the paper's view, the Muslim leaders have no choice but to rise to the level of their onerous responsibilities and the challenges being faced by the nation. They are called upon to lead the nation onto the path of progress, prosperity and welfare, it said, adding that Muslims of the world shall remain keenly interested in the outcome of the summit deliberations.

The summit's outcome would provide a major

turning point in the Islamic world's relations with other countries of the world. This turning point is sure to create changes in the strategies of those forces of the world which invariably maintain unjust relations with the countries of the Islamic world, the paper added.

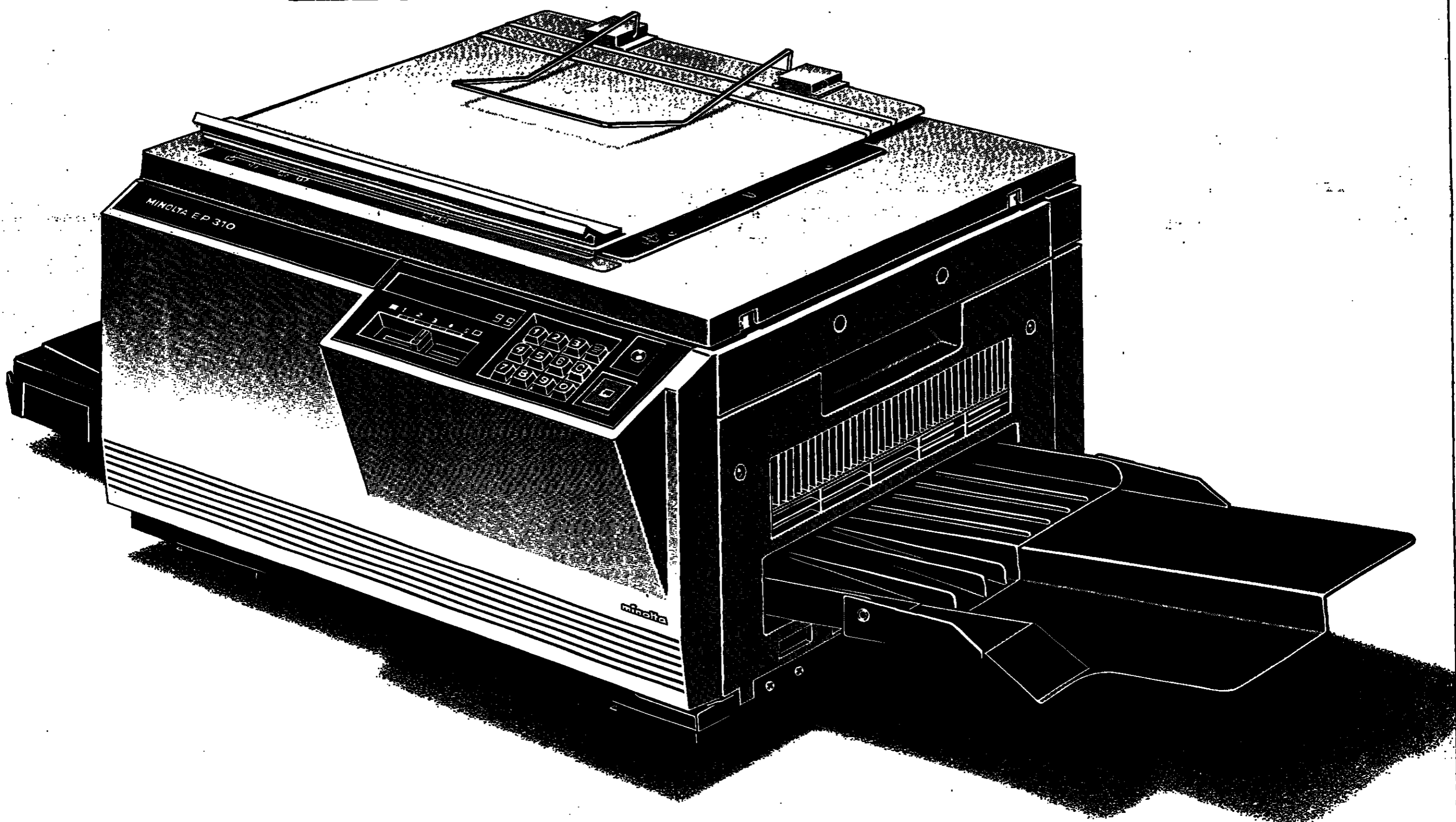
Al-Nadwa held the view that the convening of the Islamic summit in the proximity of the Holy Kaaba has a significance beyond any expression. The

Islamic leaders' meeting in the Holy City would mean taking a pledge of loyalty and sincerity to their faith. The paper felt confident the Muslim leaders would notice the enormous efforts exerted in the preparation of the conference agenda. This only reiterates the Islamic world's keenness to emancipate itself from rifts and dissensions and to work for total cooperation in their relations with other countries of the world, the paper said.



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Political normalization

Marcos abolishes media control

By Joe Pavia

Arab News Correspondent
MANILA, Jan. 24 — President Ferdinand Marcos has abolished both the print and broadcast media councils, the only remaining restriction on Philippine media. The councils, created in 1974 as self-regulatory bodies, were abolished by virtue of a presidential decree dated Jan. 15, 1981, two days before the formal lifting of martial law. The abolition decree was released today by Malacanang (presidential palace).

The order repealed a decree dated Nov. 9, 1974, creating separate regulatory councils for the print and broadcast media industries. Since then, the two councils were in operation and they were the only bodies that could issue permits for the publication of a newspaper or the operation of a radio-television station. Prior to their abolition, the Philippine Council for Print Media was headed by *Buletin Today* publisher Gen. Hans Menzi, while newspaper columnist Teodoro Valencia was the chairman of the Broadcast Media Council.

A Malacanang announcement said this step is in line with the president's proclamation terminating martial law as the country moves toward full political normalization. It also paves the way for the Philippine media to

20 blind held in Delhi

NEW DELHI, Jan. 24 (R) — Police Saturday arrested 20 blind men and women when they tried to block trains at New Delhi station to press their demands for jobs. A spokesman for the National Federation of the Blind said one of the protestors was injured in a scuffle with police. The federation has organized a protest movement against what it describes as the government's failure to provide jobs promised to the blind. Nineteen blind men and one woman were jailed for a week after trying to break through a police cordon at New Delhi station Friday.

establish their own organization to police their ranks, the announcement added.

Before the announcement of the abolition of the two councils, several members of the Batasang Pambansa, the country's legislative body, filed a bill seeking the abolition of the two councils. Among the authors of the bill were assemblymen Francisco Tatad, former minister of public information Mariano Logarta, Hilario Davide and Filemon Fernandez, all members of the opposition. In filing the bill, the opposition legislators said the lifting of martial law would be a farce if media continues to be licensed. With the abolition decree, the bill now becomes moot and academic.

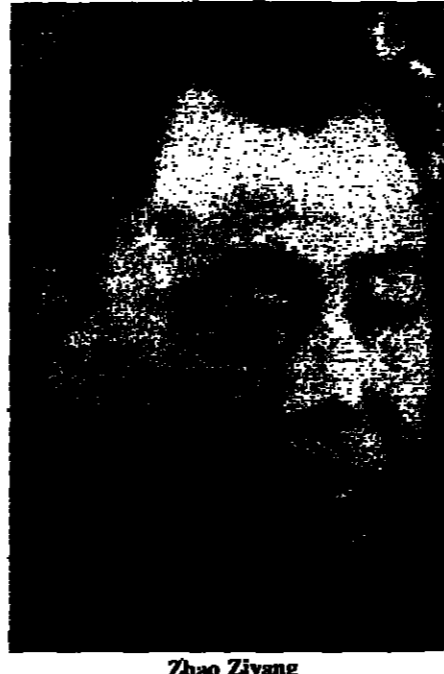
National Press Club President Olaf Giron commended the president for finally lifting the last remaining vestiges of restrictions on Philippine media as the nation moves toward full normalization. He said with this act, "we in the profession of journalism can now look forward to an era of truly free and, at the same time, responsible media."

"We view the proclamation terminating the state of martial law as a positive step. The abolition of the print and broadcast media councils is in consonance with the collective desire of the NPC expressed through a resolution adopted by members of the club's board urging the repeal of the decree establishing such councils," Giron said in a formal statement. He added: "We believe that the self-regulation and self-discipline necessary for the realization of a responsible and truthful press can be better realized through the professional organizations of the journalists themselves, both print and broadcast, such as the NPC, the federation of provincial press clubs and the Kapisanan NG MGA Broadcasters sa Philipinas which have adopted their own codes of ethics."

Valencia also said in his column that he had advocated the abolition of the media councils

as early as two years ago. According to him, when President Marcos created the media councils, it was his idea to make the media self-government. "The broadcasters promptly implemented the spirit of this proclamation by making the Kapisanan NG MGA Broadcasters Sa Philipinas (KBP) truly self-governing," Valencia said in his column, adding that the KBP has expressed the sentiment that the media councils are no longer important as far as they are concerned.

Despite the abolition of the councils, media published companies will still have to register with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) like any other business concern. On the other hand, broadcasting corporations will have to apply for frequency assignment with the National Telecommunications Commission. Media must also comply with the constitutional requirement that they be wholly-owned and managed by Filipino citizens.



Zhao Ziyang

Chinese premier plans peace-making mission

PEKING, Jan. 24 (Agencies) — Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang starts his first trip abroad next Monday since taking office last September with visits to Burma and Thailand. His arrival in the Burmese capital of Rangoon will follow closely on the return home of Burmese Foreign Minister Lay Maung from a visit to Vietnam and Thailand in a flurry of Indochinese diplomatic activity. No details have yet been released on Zhao's talks with Burmese and Thai officials.

Thailand is one of the members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), a non-Communist alliance (grouping Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand) facing the neighboring Hanoi-led Indochinese bloc (Vietnam, Kampuchea and Laos). Observers saw Lay Maung's visit to Vietnam as a sign that Burma, one of the countries with the closest ties with Peking in the region, might try to bring about a Sino-Vietnamese rapprochement.

A major bone of contention between Peking and Hanoi is Kampuchea, where Vietnam has some 220,000 troops whose withdrawal is demanded by China as an indispensable con-

dition for such a detente. Peking provides military backing to the Kampuchean Khmer Rouge regime, held responsible for the death of hundreds of thousands of people during its rule in Phnom Penh until its overthrow by Vietnamese forces two years ago. But China recently hinted that it would not make a Vietnamese military withdrawal a prior condition for its participation in an international conference on Kampuchea.

Diplomatic sources said that on his trip to Rangoon Zhao might carry a message from a Burmese Communist leader to President Ne Win as part of a bridge-building process reflecting China's new attitude toward insurgent groups in southeast Asia. The new Chinese line, the sources said, encouraged Communist insurgents to stop fighting in return for governments in the region legalizing communism and admitting the parties into the political process.

In Bangkok Zhao's discussions with Thai leaders are expected to center on the Kampuchean problem including the question of a change of leadership for the pro-Chinese Kampuchean government and the prospects for an international conference on the country's future.

Namibian liberation

OAU doubles aid to guerrillas

ARUSHA, Tanzania, Jan. 24 (R) — The Organization of African Unity (OAU) has decided to double its material aid to guerrillas fighting the South African-backed administration in Namibia (Southwest Africa). Zimbabwe Foreign Minister Mangwende, chairing a meeting of the OAU's Liberation Committee in this north Tanzania town, appealed to all OAU members to donate generously to a "special emergency fund" it had established for the Angolan based Southwest African People's Organization (SWAPO). He then made Zimbabwe's first contribution — a check for \$50,800.

Earlier the committee, which channels OAU funds to southern African liberation

movements, passed an 18-point resolution in which it called on the United Nations to impose mandatory sanctions on South Africa.

Delegate sources said the OAU's allocation to SWAPO had been doubled in the 1981-82 budget to \$700,000 and, as last April's Zimbabwe independence had freed more funds allocation to the banned South African nationalist movements, the Pan-African Congress (PUC) and African National Congress (ANC) would also be doubled. However, a report by executive secretary Hashim Mbita said the situation over arrears of contributions by OAU members to the Liberation Committee was "alarming" — at the start of this year they stood at \$14,880,000 he told the conference.

The sources said a plan of action on Namibia, which was promulgated in addition to the resolution, called for increasing military assistance to SWAPO "to enhance its operational capability". According to the plan, there should be direct military assistance from OAU member states. It also calls for a request to be sent to the secretary general of the Arab League to convene an Afro-Arab cooperation meeting to strengthen an oil embargo on South Africa.

Clioquinol victims to be compensated

BASLE, Jan. 24 (R) — The Swiss Ciba-Geigy drug company and the Swedish Draco Pharmaceutical firm have agreed to pay compensation to some 40 Swedish victims of the nerve disease called smon, a spokesman for Ciba-Geigy has said.

He said Friday, that under the out-of-court settlement in Sweden, the amount paid by the companies would not be made public. "The agreement does not imply that the drug companies consider they are bound under law to pay damages," a communique issued by Draco said.

It gave no details of the court case or the disabilities suffered by the Swedes who made claims against the two companies and the Swedish Wealth Ministry nearly two years ago on the grounds that their disabilities were caused by taking clioquinol preparations.

Smon (subacute myelo-optic-neuropathy) can lead to blindness or paralysis, but the Swiss firm has maintained there is no conclusive scientific evidence that clioquinol causes it. Ciba-Geigy has already paid out \$91 million to Japanese who said they developed smon after taking its anti-diarrhoea tablets containing clioquinol.

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MEXICO CITY, Jan. 24 (AP) — About 5 leftists took over the El Salvador embassy here Friday morning, hung red banners from the two-story building then left after about an hour.

The embassy is in a colonial house in the quiet, upper-class Polanco district. It is splattered with splashes, apparently from paint thrown at it during previous demonstrations.



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Lima, Quito exchange protests over incident

LIMA, Peru, Jan. 24 (AP) — The governments of Ecuador and Peru have exchanged protests over a border incident involving a Peruvian army helicopter.

in Quito. It said the Peruvian helicopter entered Ecuador at 11:30 a.m. Thursday and flew over the border posts of Maysico and Paquisha in southeastern Ecuador.

France, U.S. sign pact

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (R) — The United States and France have signed an agreement to hold government consultations on re-exporting nuclear light water reactor technology to third countries, the State Department has said.

The idea behind the U.S.-French agreement is to expedite government approvals of commercial contracts under which Framatome would seek Westinghouse consent to re-export U.S. technology to certain embargoed countries.

U.S. specialists' panel urges realistic role against Moscow

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (AP) — A panel of former U.S. officials and other foreign affairs specialists has called on the Reagan administration to forge a "realistic and pragmatic strategy" for dealing with the challenges posed by burgeoning Soviet power around the globe.

renewed discussions should identify those elements of the SALT II package that appear to serve the national security interests of both sides and those that appear to help stabilize the strategic balance," it said.

Bokassa officials executed

BANGUI, Jan. 24 (AFP) — Six persons, sentenced to death last February for crimes committed under the former regime of self-styled Emperor Jean-Bedel Bokassa, were executed here Saturday morning after their appeal for clemency was turned down.

Joseph Mokoia, a captain who headed a security force at the Ngaraba prison near here, prison guard Joseph Baissa, and trooper Pierre Koba had been found guilty on charges of murdering prisoners, including schoolchildren, and spitting away the corpses.

South African troops still hold Angolan town

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 24 (AP) — South African soldiers that invaded Angola on Jan. 12 still hold a town there, Angolan Ambassador Elisio de Figueiredo said in a letter made public here Friday.

The letter said, "racist South African troops are still in occupation of Cuamato, in the Peoples Republic of Angola." Figueiredo delivered the letter to U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim Thursday, asking him to circulate it as a document of the Security Council.

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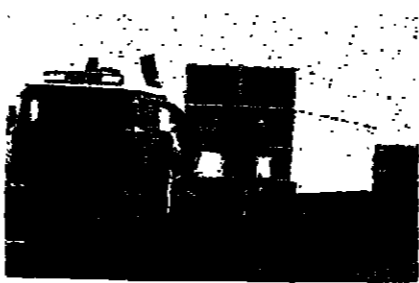
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The 25th of January 1978G, corresponding to the 16th of Safar 1398H, proved to be a significant day for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as well as for the companies Philips of Holland and L.M. Ericsson of Sweden. On that day, a contract for the implementation of the Kingdom's great Telephone Expansion Project was signed between His Majesty's Government, represented by the Ministry of Post, Telephone and Telegraph, on one hand and the Philips and Ericsson companies on the other.

The project was acclaimed as the largest single project in the History of telephony. The contract required that - in only 3 years - the Kingdom's telephone network be extended to cover more than 80 communities and be increased more than three times by installing a switching capacity and cable network for 476,000 new local lines. The contractors would supply and install all local, trunk and international exchanges, build all necessary buildings and sites, construct the new underground network with all cable, cabinets, distribution points and provide all new telephone sets. It goes without saying that the new telephone system would be of the most modern design.

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During the past three years, the Government has also assigned the implementation of two major expansions of the project to us, the first expansion mainly providing a further increase of the cable network and exchange buildings, the second adding yet another 280,000 local lines to the project. Because of these expansions, our project work will continue another two years, to the end of 1982G. At that time, the Kingdom will have increased its telephone network five times in five years, from 200,000 to one million lines - a magnificent achievement in the history of telephony, by any standards.

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Phoenix registers 23rd victory

Mitchell shines for Cavaliers

NEW YORK, Jan. 24 (AP) — "We're going to continue to get better because these guys are willing to play unselfish basketball..."

In other matches, the Phoenix suns defeated the Milwaukee Bucks 131-122, the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Denver Nuggets 110-105...

India 79 for 1

Hughes hits mighty 213

ADELAIDE, Jan. 24 (AFP) — Australian vice-captain Kim Hughes hit the highest score of his career when he made 213 against India in the second Test at the Adelaide Oval...

the Australian team when umpire Rex Whitehead rejected a confident appeal for a catch at the wicket from Chetan Chauhan when the opener was only 19.

Cruyff to play for Levante

VALENCIA, Spain Jan. 24 (AFP) — Dutch football star Johann Cruyff has agreed to sign a contract next Monday with Second Division side Levante of Valencia...

West German First Division club Cologne, now managed by Cruyff's old boss Rinus Michels, Arsenal of London and San Diego in the north American Soccer League were also reported to be interested in signing the Dutchman...

Mitchell scored 18 consecutive points for the Cavaliers over a six-minute span in the first quarter lifting Cleveland from a 6-4 deficit to a 22-17 lead. They (Atlanta) have had injuries and their players aren't up to par...

Walter Davis poured in 26 points and three other Phoenix starters combined for 58 more in pacing Phoenix to its 23rd home-court triumph in 26 games.

Jamaal Wilkes scored five of his 30 points in the final 1:40 to lead Los Angeles. Denver led 105-103 with 2:17 remaining but the Lakers then scored the final seven points.

Boston let two 18-point leads slip away but held on to edge Indiana behind Larry Bird's 32 points and record its 11th victory in a row.

Christian and Pongoh claim doubles title

TOKYO, Jan. 24 (AP) — Hwan Sun-Nai of South Korea beat Japan's Atsuko Tokuda 12-10, 10-12, 11-7 to win the women's singles title in the Japan Open Badminton Championship.

Indonesia's Hadinata Christian and Luis Pongoh captured the men's doubles title beating Flemish Deits of Denmark and Prakash Padukone (India) 15-4, 15-3.

Dallah Avco have it easy

JEDDAH, Jan. 24 — In a week marked by controversy and dispute, Dallah Avco gave a clear message when they crushed Whittaker 3-0 with an entertaining display of skilled football, and moved above Whittaker to take over the First Division top spot in the Saudi Milk Football League.

Rally begins in sunshine

MONTE CARLO, Jan. 24 (AFP) — Hundreds of shirt-sleeved spectators lined the sun-drenched Casino Square here Saturday to cheer off the Monaco starters on the concentration run of the 49th Monte Carlo Rally.

In all, 68 of the scheduled 73 starters set out on the 24-hours, 1,200-kms first phase of the rally, which will take crews from the tiny Mediterranean principality to Aix-Les-Bains in the Savoy Alpine region.

This run will include the first six of 32 special time stages in the 4,300 kms event. Among non-starters from Monaco were Frenchmen Jacques Dagat and Bernard Meyniel from Dijon who turned up at rally headquarters without their car — a Volkswagen Golf GTI.

Only four of the five cars which took off from the Carlton Tower Hotel in London reached their first rendez-vous on time.

The German contingent of thirty were greeted with clear, sunny skies as they took off from the casino of Bad Homburg. After competitors complete the classification run, the top 200-placed crews set out on the gruelling 1,800 kms common run — a 38-hour marathon which starts Monday night.

England off to fine start Gower makes the most of fielding lapses

POINTE-A-PITRE, Trinidad, Jan. 24 (AP) — Left-hander David Gower, making full use of four dropped catches, stroked his way to a commanding 154 as England reached a massive 330 for two wickets on the first day of the opening match of their West Indies tour here Friday against the West Indies Cricket Board's President's Eleven.

Gower came to the wicket in the day's first over after left-handed opener Brian Rose had been caught at short-leg off the third ball he faced from Test fast bowler Malcolm Marshall.

Lye pushes Graham to second berth

PHOENIX, Arizona, Jan. 24 (AP) — Mark Lye, a non-winner in his fifth year on the Pga tour, birdied two of his last three holes for 6-under-par 65 and the second-round lead Friday in the \$300,000 Phoenix Open Golf Tournament.

Australian David Graham, Thursday's leader, and Canadian Jim Nelford, tied at 133 for second place. Graham, a former American Pga national champion, shot a 68 in the mild, cloud weather, and Nelford, who swings right-handed and puts left-handed, had a 67.

He was dropped when 16, 39, 53 and 70 chances which the young West Indians could ill afford to miss on an easy paced pitch with an inexperienced attack which suffered when fast bowler Marshall retired with injured arm in the final session.

Gower shared two big partnerships, added 198 for the second wicket with veteran opener Geoff Boycott, and made 87, and unbroken for the third wicket with Mike Compton who was 62 not out at the end.

The West Indians fielded shabbily all day. Boycott now aged 40 and on his third tour of the Caribbean and seeking a hat-trick of match centuries here, batted soundly in an ideally solid performance. But he was dismissed when 36 and 66.

Egypt prevails

CAIRO, Jan. 24 (R) — Egypt beat babwe 2-0 in the World Youth Soccer Championship qualifying match Friday, winners who were held goalless at the interval through Taher Abou Zeid (6 minutes) and Khaled Kamnash (penalty).

Score-board

Table with columns for AUSTRALIA (1ST INNINGS), INDIA (1ST INNINGS), and FALL OF WICKETS. Lists players and their scores.

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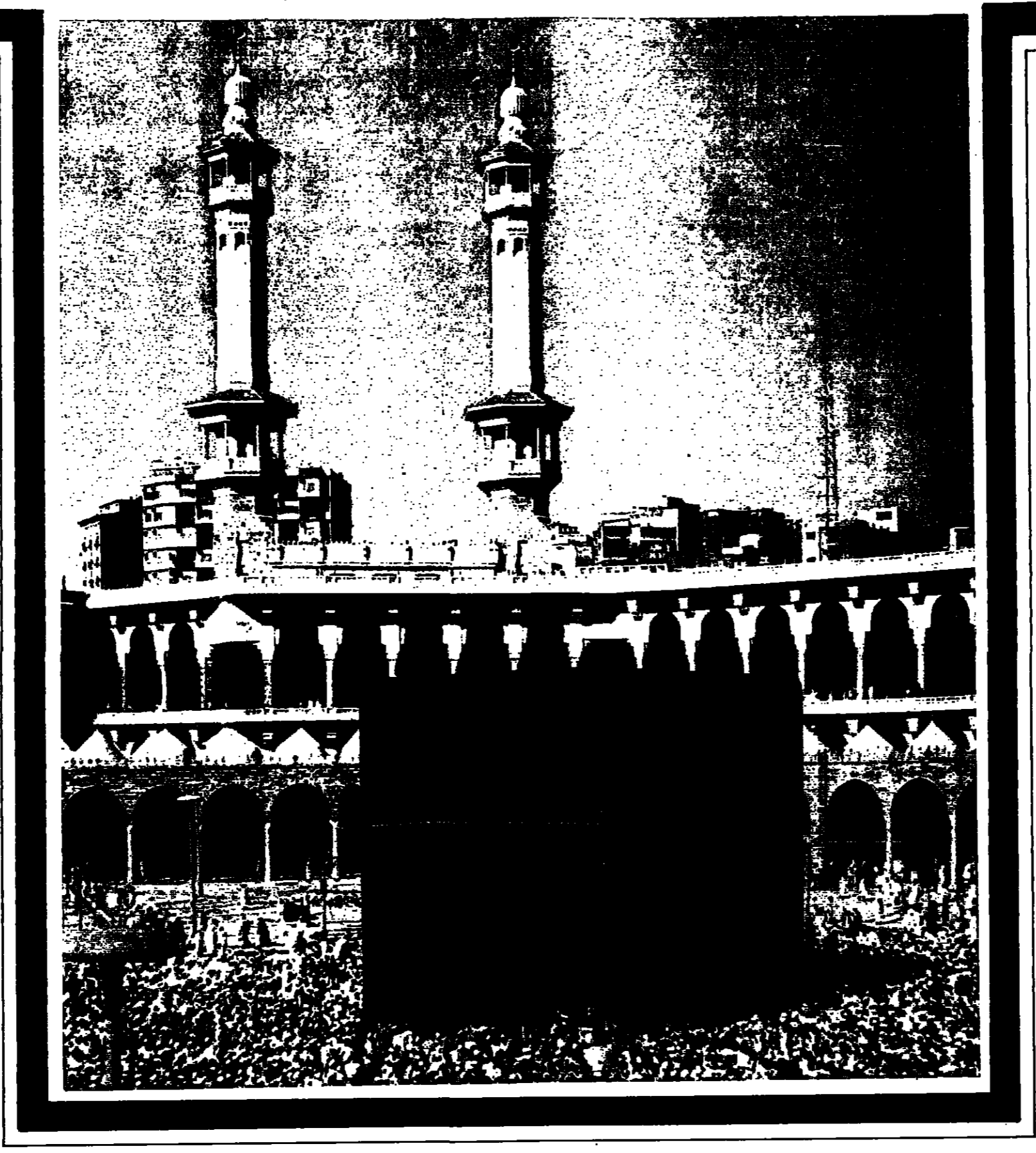
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THAT'S BETTER

BLONDIE

THERE'S A LADY AT THE DOOR

SPEAK LOUDER, I CAN'T HEAR YOU

LADY AT DOOR

TELL HER TO COME IN

SHE SAYS COME IN

Flail: n

the opposite of succeed

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YOU'VE GOT TO DEPRECIATE HIM

HAGAR

WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THE DIET I GAVE YOU LAST TIME?

TELL HIM! TELL HIM!!

HEATE IT!!

I WAS HUNGRY...

SMALL SOCIETY

IT'S NOT THAT I LIKE REAGAN BECAUSE HE'S A CONSERVATIVE, MENSCH-

I LIKE HIM BECAUSE I'M A CONSERVATIVE-

WIZARD

DAD I'VE DECIDED TO PURSUE A TRADE RATHER THAN A PROFESSION

COMMENDABLE MY SON... WHAT TRADE DID YOU HAVE IN MIND?

I'M GOING TO EXCHANGE YOU FOR A RICH FATHER-IN-LAW

DENNIS the MENACE

ONE OF THESE DAYS I'M GONNA NAIL HIM TO A BOARD AND HANG IT OVER MY BED. WHY?!

Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

A Question of Probabilities

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠1073
 ♥AK5
 ♦A7
 ♣A10542

WEST
 ♠QJ9642
 ♥63
 ♦J1043
 ♣9

EAST
 ♠A
 ♥98743
 ♦986
 ♣J763

SOUTH
 ♠K85
 ♥QJ10
 ♦KQ52
 ♣KQ8

The bidding:
 East South West North
 Pass 1NT Pass 3♣
 Pass 3NT Pass 6NT

Opening lead — queen of spades.

Some plays go very much against the grain, but are nevertheless correct because the surrounding circumstances call for them. For example, take this case where South is declarer in six notrump and West leads the queen of spades. East wins with the ace and returns the nine of hearts. Declarer takes the heart in dummy and plays the club deuce to his king. West following suit with the nine.

If declarer now plays the queen of clubs, he ultimately goes down because it turns out that East started with four clubs to the jack. But if declarer enters dummy with a low heart or a diamond, and plays a low club to his eight, he makes the slam.

Looking at all four hands, it becomes obvious that South should take the club finesse against East's jack. But it is not easy to prove that the finesse is the right play if one sees only the North-South hands. After all, West might have been dealt the J-9 or J-8-x of clubs, in which case finessing the eight could turn out to be a disastrous decision.

But, despite this harrowing possibility, the finesse is technically the better play. West is fairly well marked with six spades by East's failure to lead a spade at trick two. Once this is granted, it follows that West has only seven other cards that might include the jack of clubs, whereas East has twelve other cards that might include the jack of clubs.

Finessing the eight of clubs surely would not gain in every case where West is known to have six spades, but it would be the winning play in the great majority of these cases. Declarer is therefore likely to do best in the long run by adopting the indicated percentage play.

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
 If you'll overlook the bad and savor the good, you'll have a wonderful time with close ties. Accept people as they are.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
 New career prospects are fortunate, but don't get discouraged if the going gets rough at times. Be willing to work hard.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 Though you'll have momentary doubts, the outlook is good for romance. Don't be afraid of commitments. Let others know you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21)
 A difficult family member loves you. Today you'll learn to value this person. Real estate matters look profitable!

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22)
 Mental achievement is possible now! Refuse to let little things get to you. Rise above limitations and succeed. Creativity is high!

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
 Auctions may lead to fine purchases. Your attitude towards money and possessions changes — for the better. Seek gain now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
 You're popular now. Your character and personality gain new depths. You combine joy and seriousness in your approach to life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
 You profit from behind-the-scenes moves now. Your ability to keep a confidence brings you rewards. Business deals begin to jell.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
 Despite a few minor hassles with friends, your popularity gains new heights and your character now wins you the respect of others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
 Meetings with higher-ups are favored now. You're on the verge of a major success or an important decision affecting career interests.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
 Higher-minded pursuits are favored now. It is possible you will receive honors. Travel and distant interests bring benefits. Enjoy life.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
 A willingness to accept responsibility helps you to take advantage of a favorable monetary development. Joint affairs prosper!

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Word with taker
 5 Flunder
 11 Encourage
 12 Demonstrate
 13 Number of Muses
 14 Hiss
 15 Poem
 16 Smuggery
 17 Badly
 18 R.L. city
 28 Passing grade
 21 O'Neill play
 22 Robert
 — Warren

DOWN

1 Decree
 2 Put up with
 3 Start over
 4 Summer in Nancy
 5 Venerate
 6 —garde
 7 —
 8 Lists
 9 Describing a triangle
 10 A Greek
 16 Lovable person
 19 The late Angeli
 22 Norwegian weight
 23 Cane
 24 Infested
 25 Early Bogart film
 26 Rich source
 28 Fur
 30 Queen (Sp.)
 31 Dwelling
 32 Club brand
 33 Loaded
 38 German article
 39 Asian holiday

Yesterday's Answer

23 Pose
 26 Museum (Fr.)
 27 Affirm
 28 60 sec.
 29 Grassland
 30 Actor, Tony —
 34 Ending for drunk
 35 Prior to
 36 Fluffy scarf
 37 Account entry
 39 Actor, Richard —
 40 Tooth
 41 Advantage
 42 Of certain mountains
 43 Adolescent

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 Wavelength: 16.2, 16.8, 17.4 (meters)

7:45 Religious Program

8:00 News

8:10 Request Music

8:30 Musical Notes

8:50 News

9:15 Unusual Mail

9:25 Request Music

Evening
 Program: 7:00, 7:45, 8:30 (KBS)
 Wavelength: 16.2, 16.8, 17.4 (meters)

8:30 Religious Program

8:45 New Song (Music)

9:15 Sports Round-up

9:45 One Composer

10:00 News

10:15 Press Review

10:30 On This Day

10:45 Light Music

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 6:46 Jody and Redhawk
 7:08 World in Action
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 2:45 Gems of Guidance
 2:10 Youth Welfare
 2:20 On Islam
 2:30 Radio Magazine
 3:00 NEWS
 3:10 From Review
 3:15 Music
 3:20 Laps and Bounds
 3:30 A Selection of Music
 3:40
 3:50 Cutdown

Evening Transmission
 9:00 Opening
 9:01 Holy Quran
 9:05 Gems of Guidance
 9:10 Light Music
 9:15 The Evening Show
 9:45 Compositions of the Prophet
 10:00 Arabic by Radio
 10:10 NEWS
 10:15 NEWS
 10:25 S. A. — A Daily Chronicle
 10:30 The World Aids
 11:00 Dates to Remember
 11:15 Late Evening Hits
 11:45 On Islam
 12:00 Concert Chorus
 12:45 A Randomness with Dreams
 01:00 Cutdown

BBC

Morning Transmission
 8:00 World News
 8:09 Twenty-Four Hours
 News Summary
 8:30 Sarah Ward
 8:45 World Today
 9:00 Newsday
 9:30 Opera Star
 10:00 World News
 10:09 Twenty-Four Hours
 News Summary
 10:30 Sarah Ward
 10:45 Something to Show You
 11:00 World News
 11:09 Reflections
 11:15 Fimo Style
 11:30 Britain of Britain 1978
 12:00 World News
 12:09 British Press Review
 12:15 World Today
 12:30 Financial News
 12:40 Look Ahead
 12:45 The Tony Myatt

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 1.15 Ulster in Focus
 1.30 Discovery
 2.00 World News
 2.09 News about Britain
 2.15 Alphabet of Medical Cases
 2.30 Sports International
 2.40 Radio Newsworld
 3.15 Promenade Concert
 3.45 Sports Round-up
 4.00 World News
 4.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
 4.30 The Pleasure's Yours
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8.30 Take One
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